

LB 43A
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into debate of bills on General File this morning, the chair would like to announce the presence of 25 Fifth and Sixth Grade students from Arlington Public Schools at Arlington, Nebraska. Those are just by chance from Senator Richendiefer's district. Their instructors are Mr. Roger Randall, Mrs. Arp, Mr. Workman, Mrs. Nielson, Mrs. Chappellear and they are seated in the South balcony. I hope I got the pronunciation of that last name right. Was that reasonably close? Chappellear. Very good. We are delighted to have you today as visitors to the Nebraska Unicameral chamber, and, likewise, seated in the North balcony from Senator Frank Lewis' district, we have 29 Boy Scouts from Troop 464 with five adults from the Offutt AFB area over in Bellevue. Their leader is Charles Tullis and James Marshall and we are delighted to have you today as spectators here to the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. While we are filling in just a little bit of time here, you might take a look at the ceiling, those of you that are visiting. You will notice the big beam in the back there because of the early influence in which Nebraska was under...under which Nebraska was has the Spanish castles and Spanish lions. Then, you move to the center beam, you'll notice that they are the fleur-de-lis and the Napoleonic bees because we, of course, were part of the Louisiana Purchase. And we are under what we consider our own influence now, so the big beam up above me has, of course, the American shield and the American eagle up there. The ceiling in the Legislative Chamber, of course, is composed of Nebraska Walnut and it is the only area of the State Capitol building in which Nebraska walnut has been used. We will begin General File debate this morning with LB 43A, introduced by the Education Committee. I'll have to have some indication as to, of course, on these bills as to whether they consider them controversial or not.

CLERK: Read title. LB 43A.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move that the bill be advanced. What the bill is, it's funding for Senator Stull's bill 43 that you advanced on yesterday. The dollar amount that is in there is based upon the number of pupils. That would be from Omaha, in the Omaha area times their per pupil cost, the number of pupils in Lincoln by their per pupil cost, and then the balance is the state as an average. Our staff determined the number by contacting, as I understood it, virtually all the courts in the state, or, at least, enough to get an idea of how many wards there would be and the appropriation then reflects our staff's determination.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney, did you wish to be recognized on the bill.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Warner, could you answer a question for me, please? What would the total cost of this be?

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: \$655,393.00.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Warner, originally when this bill came in to Committee which was Senator Stull's bill, what was the original cost for just the Boys School at Alliance?

SENATOR WARNER: I believe the, as I recall, they have at about 15 students or so and I believe Alliance's cost was in the vicinity of \$1100.00 per pupil. Now I'm not...that's is an approximation, Senator Mahoney. The original cost would probably have been around \$18,000. I'd hate to say.

SENATOR MAHONEY: I am sorry to have to ask you these questions because Senator Stull, I guess, is absent and I wouldn't get